

## PARENT BULLETIN – SUMMER TERM

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### DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

I hope you enjoy reading this final edition of the Hollingworth Parent Bulletin for this academic year. As Headteacher, I am very proud of all the things we have achieved this year, and this summer term edition truly highlights our accomplishments.

We recently said 'goodbye' to our Year 11 pupils following completion of their GCSE examinations. As an academy, I believe we did everything possible to support our pupils; I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone - parents/carers and staff, for all their support in preparing our pupils for their exams. We look forward to receiving the results in August. As part of our farewell, we celebrated with an excellent evening at the Saddleworth Hotel for the Year 11 Prom. The event was superb, and I know all the pupils and staff who attended had a fantastic and memorable evening.

Over the summer term, we have had several celebration events to acknowledge and reward our pupils for their hard work, attitude to learning, and commitment to achieving their very best. Our ethos of 'Everyone Excels Everyday' is important, and we believe it is equally as important to recognise our pupils who strive for this and, in turn, demonstrate behaviours that are aligned to our three key values of respect, responsibility and resilience. Our pupils have been rewarded during year group celebration assemblies and have attended reward trips to Blackpool Pleasure Beach. In addition, for pupils who consistently meet our high expectations, there has been a summer ball to celebrate and a whole school rewards Presentation Evening, which was held at Rochdale Town Hall. All these events have been truly excellent and it has been heartwarming to have so many pupils and their families involved. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to more exciting events and achievements in the next academic year.

Please do take the time to read through the great stories in this edition; world class careers; some outstanding and memorable curriculum events; and the ever-successful sporting stars that we have at Hollingworth Academy; these stories are a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.

Wishing you all a relaxing and happy summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September ready for another exciting year.

Best wishes



Headteacher

# PARENT/CARER INFORMATION



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thursday 21st August 2025	GCSE Results Day
Monday 1st September 2025	Staff INSET Day ( <i>Academy closed to pupils</i> )
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	Academy Re-opens to Years 7 and 11 only.
Wednesday 3rd September 2025	Academy Re-opens to ALL Year groups
Tuesday 9th September 2025	Year 7 School Photographs
Friday 12th September 2025	Year 11 School Photographs
Thursday 18th September 2025	Year 7 Consultation Evening
Thursday 25th September 2025	Year 9 Battlefields Trip ( <i>Return Saturday 27th September</i> )
Wednesday 1st October 2025	Open Evening
Tuesday 7th October 2025	Year 11 Strategy Evening (1)
Thursday 9th October 2025	Year 11 Strategy Evening (2)
Wednesday 15th October 2025	Year 11 Pathways Information Evening
Friday 17th October 2025	Bridgewater Hall Trip
Thursday 23rd October 2025	Careers Fair (Years 8-11)
Friday 24th October 2025	Year 7 Reports to Parents & End of Term
Monday 3rd November 2025	Academy Re-opens
Monday 10th November 2025	Year 11 Mock Exams Begin
Wednesday 12th November 2025	GCSE Presentation Evening
Friday 28th November 2025	Year 8 Report to Parents
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Year 11 Mock Interviews
Friday 5th December 2025	Year 9 Reports to Parents
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Year 7 Industry Day
Thursday 11th December 2025	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Friday 19th December 2025	Year 11 Reports to Parents, Non-Uniform Day & End of Term

We offer a variety of enrichment/careers events for students during the academy day, and staff will send out more information nearer the time. In the meantime, please keep checking our website and social media platforms for more updates.

## RECENT LETTERS



Kindly click on the link to view the letters or please view them via the academy website.

WisePay to Arbor Pay Transition Letter, July 2025 - [WisePay to Arbor Pay Transition - July 2025.pdf](#)

Last Day of Term Arrangements, July 2025 - [Last day of term arrangements - July 25.pdf](#)

Uniform, Dress & Appearance Letter, May 2025 - [Uniform, Dress & Appearance Letter - May 25.pdf](#)

Unauthorised Access to School Sports Facilities Outside Academy Hours, May 2025 - [Unauthorised Access to Academy Grounds.pdf](#)



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## BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES AT HOLLINGWORTH SUMMER TERM REVIEW

I am extremely proud of all our pupils at Hollingworth Academy and we are consistently commended on the conduct of our pupils. We are renowned in the local area and wider for having a culture of positive choices and our students have a reputation of being polite, kind and courteous. Our academy is a calm and safe environment and that is achieved through our standards, in line with our values of **respect, responsibility** and **resilience**. Our staff work tirelessly, day in, day out, to support our pupils to get the best from their education. We end the year having given out over 560000 RISE points which is more than double what we gave out last year.

### HIGHLIGHTS

This academic year has been filled with memorable moments and outstanding achievements. Among the highlights were our **winter and summer balls**, where we celebrated pupils who consistently exceeded our high standards. These events were a true reflection of the excellence and dedication shown by our students throughout the year.

A particular standout event was the **Year 11 Prom**, held at the stunning Saddleworth Hotel. It was a fitting celebration for what is set to be a record-breaking Year 11 cohort, whose efforts have made this one of the most successful years since before the pandemic.

Our annual **Blackpool rewards trip** was another fantastic occasion. It was especially heartening to see pupils who hadn't met expectations last year rise to the challenge and earn their place this time around.

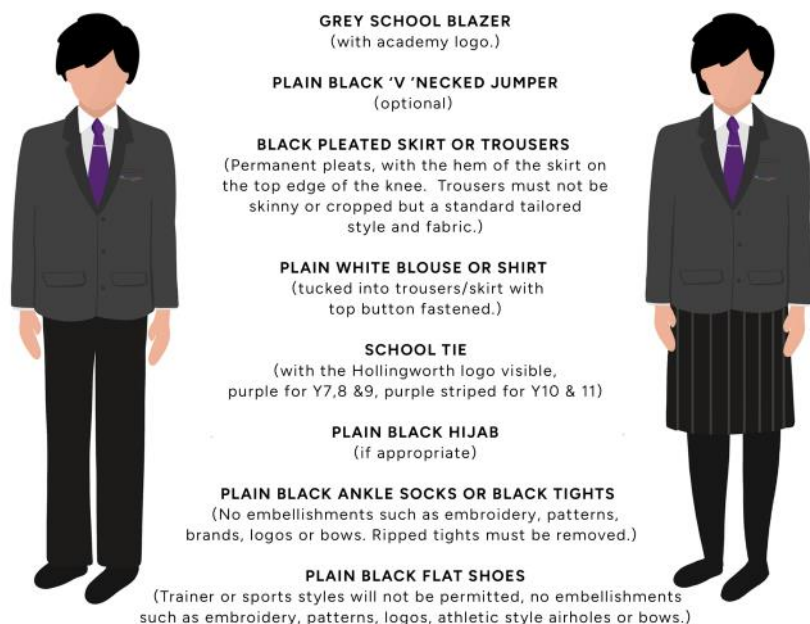
Finally, **Presentation Evening** was a true highlight of the school calendar; the evening was a celebration of the diverse successes of our pupils, from academic excellence to personal development.

### ARBOR - (MIS SYSTEM)

If you have not already done so, I urge you to download and install the **Arbor App** (free of charge), so that you receive the most up to date information in a timely manner. Arbor is our primary source of communication, so it is a valuable tool for families to track student conduct and progress. If you have any issues installing and logging into Arbor, please do not hesitate to contact the academy via email at: [eseddon@hollingworthacademy.co.uk](mailto:eseddon@hollingworthacademy.co.uk). In your email query, please include your child's name and tutor group.

This year we are also launching the Arbor pupil portal. More information will be shared about this during tutor sessions when we return in September.





**JEWELLERY**  
(Students are only permitted to wear a wristwatch (smart watches are not permitted) and one pair of stud earrings, no more than 5mm in diameter, 3D pearl style earrings are not permitted. All other jewellery is not permitted.)

**MAKEUP**  
(Makeup is only permitted for Y10 and Y11 students and must be subtle. This also applies to semi-permanent makeup such as tinted eyebrows. Fake eyelashes, false tan and artificial nails are not permitted.)

**HAIR**  
(Hair should be in a naturally occurring style and colour. Should not be shorter than O1 and should not have any patterns shaved or dyed in. Bows, hair ties and headbands etc. should be black in colour and be no bigger than 5cm in diameter.)

## UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT

At Hollingworth Academy we firmly believe that our **uniform, dress and appearance policy** reinforces a culture of belonging and identity. Please see our most recent uniform graphic. There has been a minor change this year which I wrote to all of you about regarding footwear. We have also tried to check and offer guidance to pupils in the academy so that footwear in line with our policy can be purchased for September 2025. Details below:

***The Kickers Tovni and similar style pumps and other branded and non-branded equivalents will no longer be allowed.*** We realise that Kickers, other brands and non-branded equivalents promote and market this footwear and similar styles as shoes; but irrespective of this they are not deemed as acceptable footwear in the academy from September. Footwear should be all black in colour, professional styles only and students should wear shoes that sit below the ankle. No boot styles are allowed. (Further details are shown on our uniform graphic )

It is vital that all of our pupils attend the academy fully equipped for their day ahead. We insist that all pupils carry a school bag and we recommend a backpack style for healthy posture (although this is not essential).

**ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT:** School bag (rucksack/backpack style), a pencil case, 3 x black pens, 1 x green pen, 1 x pencil, a ruler, a highlighter, a pencil eraser and a scientific calculator.

**DESIRABLE EQUIPMENT:** A maths set (compass, protractor etc.), a reading book and a water bottle.

### YEAR TEAM (PASTORAL)

<b>Year 7</b>	Ms Hartley
<b>Year 8</b>	Ms Keen
<b>Year 9</b>	Ms Watson
<b>Year 10</b>	Ms Pearson
<b>Year 11</b>	Ms Begum
<b>Welfare Leaders</b>	Ms Doran, Dr Hall, Mr Powell
<b>Inclusion Managers</b>	Mrs E Robinson, Mrs Chappell
<b>Pastoral Directors</b>	Mr Livesey, Mr Wild

### PASTORAL SUPPORT

As always, for those of you who would like more information regarding behaviour and standards at the academy, I urge you to make contact with your child's **pastoral year team**, form tutor, our inclusion managers or myself. We pride ourselves on a strong parent partnership and feedback and collaboration is something that we welcome. It is imperative that lines of communication are direct, collaborative and clear. For your information I have included a list of the key contacts on our inclusion team for the next academic year. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the new academic year.



## ATTENDANCE

CATEGORY	THRESHOLD ATTENDANCE	ACTUAL ATTENDANCE	WHOLE DAYS ABSENT	LEARNING HOURS LOST
EXCELLENT	100% 99%	190 DAYS 188 DAYS	0 2	0 10
GOOD	98% 97% 96 %	186 DAYS 184 DAYS 182.5 DAYS	4 6 7.5	20 30 37.5
CAUSE FOR CONCERN	95% 94% 93% 92% 91%	180.5 DAYS 179 DAYS 177 DAYS 175 DAYS 173 DAYS	9.5 11 13 15 17	47.5 55 65 75 85
CRITICAL	90% 89% 88% 87% 86% <86%	171 DAYS 169 DAYS 167 DAYS 165 DAYS 163 DAYS < 163 DAYS	19 21 23 25 27 >27	95 105 115 125 135 > 135

**EXCELLENT** + 0.4 grades per subject

**GOOD** + 0.1 grades per subject

**CONCERN** - 0.5 grades per subject

**CRITICAL** - 0.8 grades per subject

We finish the year strongly, outperforming schools, locally and nationally as leaders for attendance. I firmly believe that the best place for all of your children is in the academy. Not only does absence negatively affect academic attainment, but being out of a routine creates bad habits and hinders wellbeing leading to further issues.

This term we finished with our **'SPRINT TO SUMMER'** attendance challenge where we gifted a pupil who had 100% attendance in HT5 and HT6 with a PlayStation 5 and other prizes were given to other pupils who had 100% attendance and who had made a marked effort to improve their attendance.

Attendance will always remain a priority. We want our pupils to feel a sense of belonging at Hollingworth and step one is walking through the door.

Kindest regards,  
Mrs B Robinson *Senior Assistant Headteacher*



100% Day Prize Winners

## YEAR 11 LEAVERS



### IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

**Results Day** Thursday 21st August 2025

It has been a genuine pleasure for everyone at Hollingworth to watch our Year 11 students thrive this year. Their Leavers' Day was a joyful and spirited occasion, marking the end of an important chapter.

We're now looking forward to welcoming them back to the academy on **Thursday 21st August 2025** for **Results Day**, when we will celebrate their achievements together. Further details about result collection will be shared via email in due course.


Kind regards,

Mr K Clark  
Assistant Headteacher

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## TEACHING & LEARNING AT HOLLINGWORTH SUMMER TERM REVIEW

**We are excited to share several updates and initiatives that have been implemented across the academy, designed to enhance teaching, learning and pupil success across the school. These changes aim to improve both academic progress and overall pupil wellbeing:**



At Hollingworth, we want to develop a truly world class curriculum with high-quality teaching that ensures "Everyone Excels Everyday".

### CURRICULUM REVIEWS

We have completed a thorough review of all subject curriculums to ensure they are relevant, rigorous, and well-sequenced across all year groups. This allows each subject to build effectively on prior learning and prepare pupils for future success. Emphasising our world class school status, we've ensured our curriculum is ambitious, cohesive, and challenging, helping pupils make strong connections and excel in their learning.

### ASSESSMENT TRAINING FOR DEPARTMENT LEADERS

Heads of Department have undertaken bespoke CPD on assessment structures, focusing on reliability, validity, and sequencing. This training supports more accurate, fair assessments that reflects pupils' learning and highlights both strengths and areas for improvement.

### ASSESSMENT OVERVIEWS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

To increase transparency and help parents/carers better support their child's learning, we are developing assessment overviews for all subjects. These will outline upcoming assessments, formats, and focus areas helping pupils prepare effectively and reduce stress, and allowing them to focus on mastering key concepts in advance.

### SPARX READER PILOT STUDY

Following a successful pilot with Years 7 and 9, the SPARX Reader Programme will expand to Years 7–10 next year. This tool strengthens reading skills and boosts attainment across subjects by improving pupils' ability to engage with complex texts; ultimately improving their academic performance and confidence.

### E-PLATFORM FOR READING FOR PLEASURE

Our popular e-Platform, with over 1,500 monthly e-book loans, remains available over the summer to encourage reading for pleasure. This supports literacy, broadens vocabulary, and fosters a love of learning that contributes to their overall academic success.

### DATA ACTION REPORTS FOR PUPIL PROGRESS


After each report cycle, departments now complete Data Action Reports to identify areas for improvement and plan interventions. This process ensures tailored support for pupils, helping close attainment gaps and promote progress.

### NGRT TESTING

All pupils have completed NGRT (New Group Reading Test) assessments under exam conditions. Results will inform future planning and literacy strategies, enabling targeted support to strengthen foundational reading skills across the curriculum.

### CPD TRAINING FOR SENIOR LEADERS

Senior leaders have received training on setting effective targets in line with proposed OFSTED changes. We remain committed to delivering a world class education, ensuring every pupil succeeds through focused and impactful school development.



We remain committed to delivering the best possible learning experience for all pupils. By adapting our approach to meet their needs, we aim to support their progress and help them reach their full potential. We look forward to working with you on this journey.

Kind regards,  
Hollingworth Teaching and Learning Team

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# EDUCATIONAL NEWS

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT HOLLINGWORTH SEPTEMBER 2024 - JULY 2025 REVIEW

### MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

It has been another strong year for the academy in terms of personal development. The area continues to grow and offer our students a range of **memorable experiences**. As well as a range of in-house experiences, the academy has run the following national and international trips:

- Battlefields, Belgium
- CERN Large Hadron Collider, Switzerland
- History & RE Trip, Berlin
- Geography Trip, Iceland
- Ski Trip, Andorra
- PE Trip, Wimbledon



### HOUSE SYSTEM FUNDRAISING

As part of the competitive element of the House system, the academy has been proud to raise over **£550 for Cash for Kids** to combat knife crime, over **£600 for BBC Children in Need** and over **£1000 for Comic Relief**. This has occurred through bake sale, own clothes days and design a gingerbread biscuit competition.



### CAREERS

Careers continues to be an outstanding element of life at Hollingworth. With **124 careers-based opportunities** offered so far this year. These have included workshops with HMRC, KPMG, and Siemens, as well as sessions with local businesses like ICON Sports, EQUANS, and NatWest.

In line with Gatsby Benchmark 6, students have taken part in **287 workplace safaris**, giving them valuable insight into different industries. Led by our Careers Leader, Cate Calveley, Hollingworth continues to set an example in careers education, working closely with Mayor Andy Burnham to support the MBacc initiative. Highlights this year include:

- Mock interviews with over 60 employers
- Talks from Hollingworth alumni
- Acting masterclass with Hollyoaks actor Lee Otway
- Guest speaker, Mohammed Amin MBE
- A careers fair with 80+ employers
- An audience with Mayor Andy Burnham
- HMRC workshops
- NHS speakers/workshops



### RISE

This year's **RISE curriculum** took a thematic approach, covering Health and Wellbeing, Relationships and Sex Education, and Living in the Wider World. Key topics included sexual orientation, radicalisation, knife crime and careers. Learning was enriched through guest speakers and performances, including the No Knives Tour. Year 7 and Year 10 also took part in the Bee Well survey to support future curriculum planning and staff received targeted CPD to strengthen subject knowledge and delivery.

Kind regards,

Mr A Harwood  
Assistant Headteacher

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## PRESENTATION EVENING



For the second year running, Hollingworth proudly hosted its annual **Presentation Evening** at the historic Rochdale Town Hall. Over 250 guests attended, including nominated students, their families and staff, to celebrate the outstanding academic and pastoral achievements of our world class students.

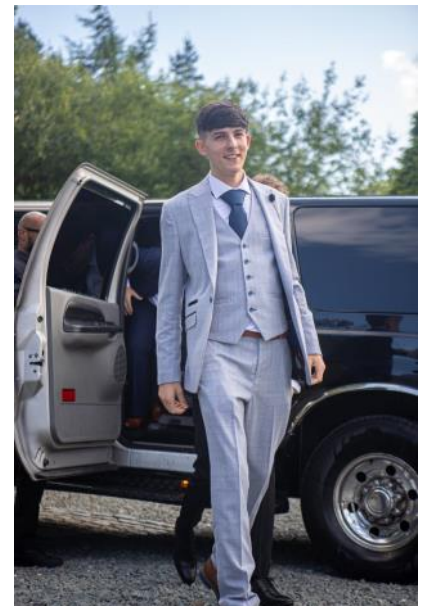
The grandeur of the Town Hall added a special atmosphere to the evening, which featured a Q&A session with England and St Helen's Rugby League player Matty Lees, captivating entertainment from magician Oliver M (8S2) and a stunning performance by Year 11 leaver Connie B-M.

It was a truly memorable night, recognising the dedication, talent and success of our students.

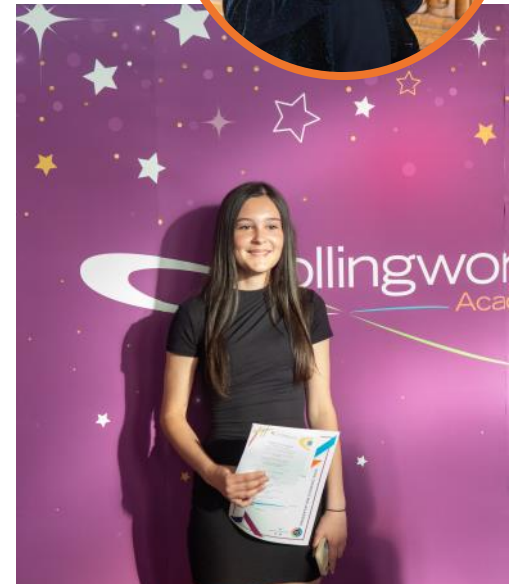
## YEAR 11 LEAVERS' PROM

We hosted our **Year 11 Prom** at the Saddleworth Hotel. It was a night of elegance, celebration and memorable moments. Our students looked absolutely amazing! As anticipated, their behaviour was exemplary throughout the evening. The Hotel staff were particularly impressed, extending compliments about our students' conduct and decorum. Please follow the link to view more of our Prom 2025 photographs:

<https://tinyurl.com/3s8s56zv>



Oliver M (8S2)



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## MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

### CESANA, ITALY

Over the Easter break, a group of Hollingworth students embarked on an unforgettable adventure to **Cesana, Italy**, part of the stunning Vialattea Ski Resort.

Surrounded by breathtaking alpine scenery, our students took to the slopes each day, receiving expert tuition from qualified ski instructors. Whether complete beginners or more experienced skiers, everyone made fantastic progress and embraced the challenge with enthusiasm.

After full days on the mountain, students enjoyed a packed programme of evening activities, including bowling, a fun-filled pizza night and a visit to a former Olympic ski village, where they explored the shops and soaked up the local culture. Travelling by coach and ferry added to the sense of adventure and the week was filled with laughter, new friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.



### WIMBLEDON AND LONDON TRIP

Hollingworth students had a fantastic time on the first **Wimbledon and London trip!**

After an early start, pupils arrived at Wimbledon and were briefly delayed by the weather. Thankfully, the sun soon appeared and so did the tennis! With tickets to Court Two and access to outdoor courts, students watched thrilling second-round singles and first-round doubles matches.

Highlights included No. 6 seed Madison Keys winning 6–4, 6–2 with her powerful serve and Brit, Billy Harris putting up a strong fight against Nuno Borges, who won in three sets. Borges became a favourite among Year 9 pupils, with many excited to get his autograph. Students also soaked up the atmosphere on the Hill, watching Centre Court and Court One matches on the big screens.

The next day, pupils explored the Natural History Museum, discovering dinosaur fossils, mammals and geological wonders in the Earth Hall.

Our students were a credit to the school throughout the trip. We hope they had an amazing time and made lasting memories!



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**Hollingworth Academy Careers events that have taken place this summer term.**

### HOLLINGWORTH ACADEMY PROUDLY WELCOMES ANDY BURNHAM, MAYOR OF GREATER MANCHESTER

We were honoured to welcome Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, to the academy this term as part of his visit to see how schools are driving forward the future of education and technical skills in the region. His visit placed a spotlight on our role in the Manchester Baccalaureate (MBacc), a pioneering initiative that's shaping the next generation of skilled professionals across Greater Manchester.



As a flagship school for the MBacc, we are incredibly proud to be leading the way. Hollingworth Academy is currently the most engaged school in the region when it comes to developing the MBacc – from contributing to pilot programmes and joining regional steering groups to forming vital partnerships with employers. This means we are not only delivering high-quality education but also helping to design what the future of education looks like across Greater Manchester.

A key part of our involvement is through the MBacc Equalex pilot, developed by The Careers & Enterprise Company in partnership with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. This innovative project introduces a new model of work experience, offering students at least 50 hours of meaningful and tailored workplace learning between Years 9 and 11. It is a step beyond the traditional one-week placement, helping our students build confidence and real-world skills that connect directly to future careers.



During his visit, Mr Burnham met with students and staff, took a tour of our Food Technology and Construction learning spaces, and delivered an inspiring address to Year 8 and 9 students. He also heard directly from our pupils about their careers education experiences and the tangible difference the MBacc is already making to their aspirations.

At Hollingworth, we believe every pupil should leave school with the knowledge, skills and ambition to thrive — and that's exactly what the MBacc helps us deliver. This visit was a chance for our pupils to see that what they're doing in school today connects directly to the world of work, to further study, and to a future full of opportunity.

With Rochdale set to benefit from transformative regeneration projects like Atom Valley, we know how important it is to prepare our students with the technical skills and career confidence they'll need to seize these opportunities. This visit from the Mayor reinforced the vital role Hollingworth Academy is playing in shaping the borough's future, building a strong, skilled and ambitious workforce for generations to come.





## CAREERS NEWS

### ICON SPORTS - WORKPLACE SAFARI

A group of our **Year 9 pupils** interested in Business & Enterprise took part in a **Workplace Safari** at **Icon Sports** in Rochdale. Icon Sports is a bespoke teamwear and workwear manufacturer that prides itself on grassroots connections, innovation and community values.

Throughout the day, pupils explored how a modern manufacturing business operates from design and production to sales and marketing. A real highlight was interviewing staff from every department, gaining first-hand insights into a wide range of roles and career paths.

Pupils also took on a creative teamwork challenge, working in groups to design a new sports kit for a customer developing communication, problem-solving, and enterprise skills. A huge thank you to the team at Icon Sports for inspiring our learners and bringing the world of work to life!

### MICRO-TYCO CHALLENGE



**WILDHEARTS**  
BUSINESS FOR GOOD

A small group of pupils took part in the **Micro-Tyco Challenge**, a national enterprise competition run by the **WildHearts Foundation**. The challenge encourages young people to develop innovative business solutions to real-world social and environmental issues, building their creativity, confidence and teamwork skills.

We were invited by Siemens to participate as part of their Mbacc Equalex programme, an initiative supporting equity and excellence in education.

Our team were outstanding, earning a well-deserved 2nd place finish! Their confidence, professionalism, and engagement with external mentors were repeatedly praised and they proudly represented Hollingworth throughout the day.



### CAREERS NETWORKING EVENT

This term, 60 of our **Year 9 pupils** took part in our **Careers Networking Event**, meeting with 7 business representatives to learn about the world of work and future career options. Pupils explored academic and technical pathways and received valuable advice about Post-16 choices.

A big thank you to 'Our Futures' for facilitating such a meaningful event!



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# CAREERS NEWS



## CREATIVE INDUSTRIES EVENT

A group of our students explored the incredible world of **creative industries** from animation and architecture to gaming, marketing and more! They met real professionals, asked great questions and left feeling inspired to consider creative subjects for their future.

## WORKPLACE SAFARI AT HMRC

A group of our pupils had the opportunity to go behind the scenes at **HMRC** in Manchester. From forensic accounting to civil investigations, data & analysis and legal careers; our students explored the many exciting pathways within the civil service. A huge thank you to the brilliant team at HMRC New Bailey for such a warm welcome and for delivering such insightful, hands-on workshops. You've inspired the next generation of public service professionals!



## CSI CAREERS EVENT

Our **Year 8** science superstars and winners of the recent science competition, took part in an exciting **CSI-themed careers event!** Pupils stepped into the shoes of crime scene investigators, exploring:

- Forensic techniques.
- How to analyse evidence.
- Crime scene investigation skills.
- Career pathways in the world of forensics.

A huge thank you to Think Forensic for inspiring our young scientists and showing them the incredible careers available in this fascinating field!

## SUSTAINABILITY & SPORT CAREERS EXPO 2025

Our **Year 10 Geography pupils** had a fantastic day at the **Manchester Sustainability & Sport Careers Expo 2025!** From marine biology to media and animation, they explored a wide range of green careers and took part in workshops on waste reduction and sustainability. A brilliant opportunity to link classroom learning to real-world careers!



## SKILLS FOR LIFE SESSION

A huge well done to our **Year 10 pupils** who completed the final Skills for Life session with **The Talent Foundry** at **Zen Internet** HQ. They tackled teamwork challenges and took part in mock interviews with business volunteers.

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## CYBER SECURITY ESCAPE ROOM

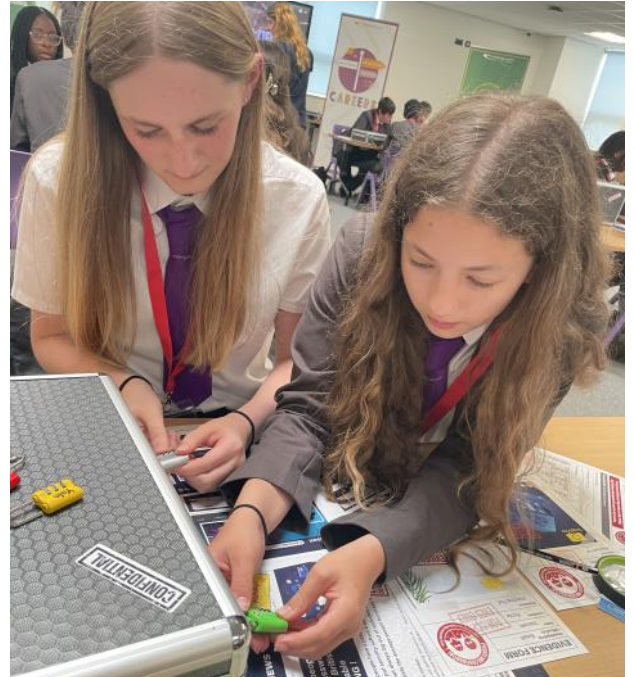


**Year 9 pupils** took on the challenge of cracking codes and staying safe online in a fast-paced **Cyber Security Escape Room**, delivered by **Siemens** using resource kits designed by STEM First. Across five Digital Literacy lessons, 150 students worked in teams to solve puzzles, test their cyber skills and build essential problem-solving abilities. A fantastic enrichment activity linking directly to their current scheme of work!

## HEALTHY EATING SESSION



Student nurses from **Bradford University** delivered a health promotion session on 'Healthy Eating & the Five Food Groups'. Students created their own balanced plates using food images and confidently explained their choices, linking healthy habits to real-life learning. We tied this into a follow up Careers Workshop, exploring exciting roles within the Food Industry. A great example of learning that connects health, science and future careers!



PEMBROKE  
COLLEGE OXFORD

## AVECC ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Pupils participating on the AVECC academic enrichment programme visited the Pembroke College, University of Oxford for the final event of this year's programme.

The day offered a rich insight into university life and learning, including:

- A welcome address from the Access Fellow.
- A thought-provoking lecture on Human Rights.
- A tour of the college with an undergraduate guide.
- Lunch in the Great Hall.
- A lecture on the Origins of Mathematics.

It's been an inspiring end to a brilliant year of academic enrichment!

We are now looking ahead to next year's programme. If parents would like their child to be considered for the next AVECC cohort, please contact Ms Calveley via email at [ccalveley@hollingworthacademy.co.uk](mailto:ccalveley@hollingworthacademy.co.uk).





## CAREERS NEWS

### SIEMENS HQ - WORKPLACE SAFARI



## SIEMENS

A small group of pupils took part in a **workplace safari** at **Siemens HQ**, Manchester!



Pupils toured the site, participated in a market place activity; creating Siemens products with Lego to understand supply, demand and the dynamic trading environment. Students also explored a wide range of roles across the business in a networking activity supported by the Senior Finance Team. Participating pupils either study GCSE Business Enterprise or are part of our EquaLex pilot and this experience helped them connect classroom learning with real-world careers.

### AQA & ATKINSRÉALIS

A group of **Year 9 pupils** took part in a ground-breaking financial literacy workshop as we proudly pilot **AQA and AtkinsRéalis'** brand-new **numeracy assessment**.

We're one of just 11 schools in the UK invited to shape this exciting new qualification designed to equip young people with essential life skills like budgeting, understanding tax, managing phone plans and cooking proportions. Our pupils' voices will help shape the future of this qualification for learners nationwide. We're proud to be leading the way in careers innovation and real-life learning, supporting all pupils to feel confident and prepared for independent living.



### TARGET FIRE PROTECTION

As part of their science curriculum on combustion, a group of **Year 8 pupils** took part in an Industry Insight Workshop with local employer **Target Fire Protection**.

Pupils explored careers in the fire safety industry, learned about post-16 pathways and took part in a fire extinguisher demonstration led by professionals from this family-run Rochdale business, which operates nationally. A huge thank you to Target Fire Protection for delivering such an inspiring and informative session!



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## UNITED UTILITIES - WORKPLACE SAFARI

A group of our **Year 9 and Year 10 Geography GCSE pupils** visited the **United Utilities** head office in Warrington for a Workplace Safari, exploring how green jobs are shaping the future of the water industry. Hosted in partnership with Business in the Community's '**See it Be It Project**'; the event gave pupils the chance to:

- Hear from employees about their career journeys.
- Learn how real-world sustainability links to their GCSE Geography studies.
- Take part in speed networking with industry professionals.
- Discover apprenticeships, graduate roles and green career pathways.

A huge thank you to United Utilities and BITC for inspiring the next generation of geographers, problem-solvers and environmental leaders!

## TETRAHEDRON STEM CHALLENGE

Our **Year 8 pupils** loved the **Tetrahedron STEM Challenge** with **Equans**! A brilliant employer encounter building teamwork, budgeting & time awareness, and key employability skills - inspired by real construction careers.

## EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT PLEDGE

Employers play a critical role in preparing our students for future success. We are always looking for opportunities to ensure we are able to provide enough opportunities for students to engage with employers, be this a workplace experience or an encounter that helps students envision their future selves. **We have 8 ways that you can get involved:**



**Assembly (Virtual or In-Person):** Deliver a 10-minute talk about your industry/company and career journey to inspire students.



**Q&A Within a Curriculum Area:** Join a class to provide real-world examples that relate to their current lessons.



**Event:** Deliver an event that will include a presentation, activity, and Q&A for students interested in your industry (one to three hours).



**Project Support:** Help set up and support an after-school club or project, engaging with learners during key milestones.



**Careers Fair:** Spend the day hosting an exhibition stand, showcasing your company and speaking with students about career opportunities.



**Mock Interviews:** Spend a morning alongside other business volunteers to conduct 10-minute interviews with students to help them practice interview skills and provide constructive feedback.



**Workplace Experience:** Offer students a tour of your premises, speed networking with key staff and a hands-on task for valuable industry insights.



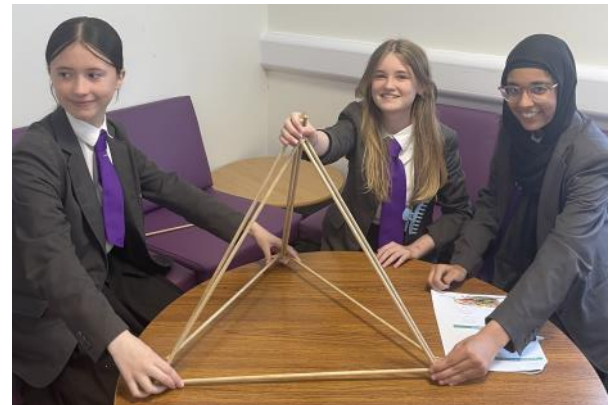
**Group Mentoring:** Spend an hour on a Tuesday mentoring small groups of students to boost their aspirations and engagement.

We look forward to working with you to build a brighter future for our students.

Follow the link to pledge your support:

<https://forms.gle/cbk1U3e4pTvB3cMH9>

Or for more information, please do not hesitate to contact our Careers Leader, Cate Calveley via email at [ccalveley@hollingworthacademy.co.uk](mailto:ccalveley@hollingworthacademy.co.uk)





## YEAR 11 GCSE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

This term, we proudly hosted an **exhibition** to celebrate the hard work and creative achievements of our **Year 11 GCSE Art & Photography pupils**.

The exhibition featured a diverse range of work - from powerful portraiture and experimental landscapes to bold digital edits. Each piece told a story, reflecting not only the technical ability of the pupils but also their unique perspectives and creative journeys throughout the course.

For many of the pupils, this exhibition was the culmination of two years of dedication, experimentation and self-discovery. It offered them the chance to present their work professionally, engage with an audience and take pride in how far they've come.



## ARTIST OF THE TERM

We are proud to announce this term's **Artists of the Term** from Key Stage 3. These students have demonstrated exceptional creativity, skill, and dedication in their art lessons, producing outstanding pieces inspired by a diverse range of cultural traditions.



### YEAR 7 – AFRICAN ART

Congratulations to **Ava C** (7P3), for her vibrant painting inspired by traditional African masks. Ava explored patterns from traditional and Ndebele Art, creating a bold and expressive piece that beautifully captured the spirit of African tribal art.

### YEAR 8 – MEXICAN ART

Well done to **Millie P** (8P2), whose design was influenced by Mexican folk art and the Day of the Dead. Millie's careful attention to detail and limited use of colour brought a joyful twist and celebratory themes of Mexican culture to life. This is the second time Millie has been awarded artist of term - keep up the good work!



### YEAR 9 – ORIENTAL ART

A big congratulations to **Olivia B** (9A1), who created an elegant piece inspired by traditional Chinese Art and patterns. Olivia demonstrated great control of brushwork and composition, producing a piece that is both delicate and powerful.



Each of these young artists has shown great promise, and we can't wait to see what they create next!



## CONSTRUCTION NEWS

### YEAR 10 CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT

Congratulations to our **Year 10 Construction pupils**, who have completed their joinery project as part of their **controlled assessment task**. Pupils have shown great skill and attention to detail and we're very proud of the craftsmanship and dedication they've demonstrated throughout the project. Well done!

## ENGLISH NEWS

### YOUNG WRITERS FESTIVAL - MMU



A group of our enthusiastic **KS3 pupils** recently embarked on an inspiring English trip to Manchester Metropolitan University to participate in the **Young Writers Festival!**

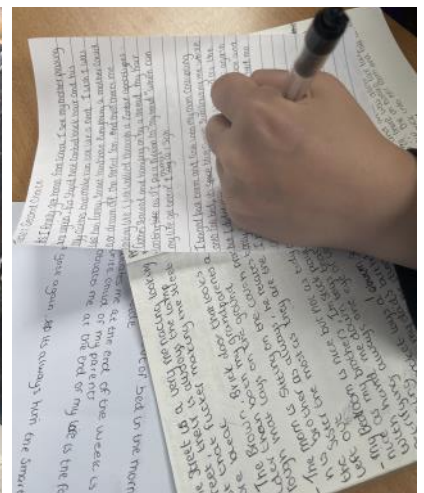
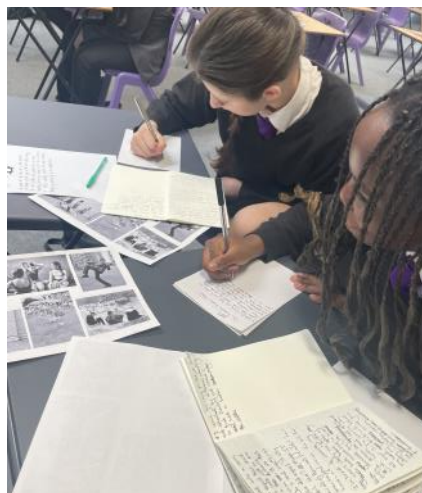
The event featured acclaimed author Danielle Jawando, who captivated the audience as she narrated excerpts from her award-winning novel, 'When Our Worlds Collided' and answered thoughtful questions from our students. Following this, students participated in dynamic creative writing workshops, where they explored imaginative prompts and developed their storytelling skills. The day culminated in a final showcase, where students confidently presented their exceptional stories to an appreciative audience.

Well done to our KS3 pupils for their fantastic efforts and creativity throughout the day!

### CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS

Since attending the Young Writers Festival at MMU, a group of our aspiring storytellers have taken part in a series of three **creative writing workshops** delivered by author Lisa Nathan-Goucher, in partnership with First Story.

Over the course of the sessions, pupils crafted their own short stories, building confidence and developing their unique writing styles. Each pupil had the opportunity to present an extract of their work to the group, a proud and powerful moment for all involved! Their completed stories are now being brought together into a special keepsake book that they'll each take home as a memento of their hard work and creativity.



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### GEOGRAPHY - GLACIAL DEPOSITION

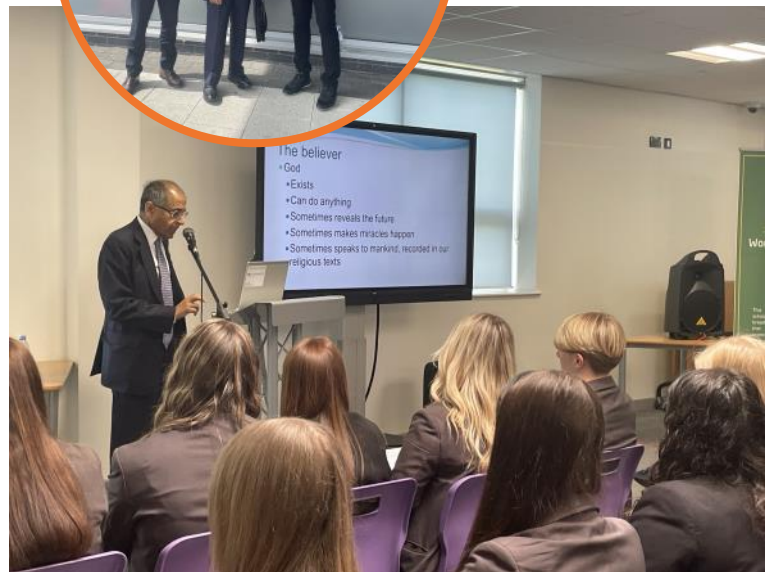
Our **Year 8 Geography students** worked exceptionally hard this term, learning about **glacial deposition** and the impact it has on the landscape. After studying the different types of moraine, students then applied their knowledge by creating detailed models of moraine using sweet treats! They then accurately annotated their models, demonstrating fantastic understanding and creativity. Well done Year 8!

### RE WITH MOHAMMED AMIN MBE SESSION

Our **GCSE Religious Education** pupils were honoured to welcome **Mohammed Amin MBE** FRSA MA FCA AMCT CTA (Fellow) for a thought-provoking session exploring "The Relationship Between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam".

A huge thank you to 'Speakers for Schools' for the introduction, to Mr Amin for giving his time and wisdom so generously and to our students for showing such curiosity, maturity and respect.

We were also proud to welcome back former student Aqub Nazir, who joined the audience for this special event. Aqub, who has received the King's Award for his outstanding contributions to charity and community work through his organisation 'Aspire to Inspire' embodies the values of respect, dialogue and unity. His presence was a powerful reminder to our students of the impact they too can have - in our community and beyond.



- The believer
  - God
  - Exists
  - Can do anything
  - Sometimes reveals the future
  - Sometimes makes miracles happen
  - Sometimes speaks to mankind, recorded in our religious texts



### YEAR 10 GCSE GEOGRAPHY - GRASMERE

This term, our **Year 10 GCSE Geography** pupils had an incredible three-day field trip to **Grasmere** in the beautiful Lake District.

They explored the Bradshaw Model in real life, measuring river depth and width as part of their rivers and tourism fieldwork. The sunshine made stepping into the river even more enjoyable — and the pupils loved discovering how the river deepened as it widened. A fantastic hands-on learning experience!



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## MATHEMATICS NEWS

### JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE



28 of our amazing Year 7 and 8 pupils recently took part in the **Junior Maths Challenge** and they absolutely smashed it! We're thrilled to share that the majority of our participants earned bronze, silver, or gold awards; we are so proud of them all! Special congratulations to:

- Axl S (7A2) – Top in Year 7
- Zahra R (8O1) – Top in Year 8 and best in the academy!

Well done to all our brilliant mathematicians!

### DIVERSITY IN MATHS

This term, our Year 9 pupils took part in the **Diversity in Maths** event at The University of Manchester, hosted by AMSP. They explored how curriculum maths connects to real-world contexts - from business and history to the philosophy of Mathematics and its role in diverse working

## SCIENCE NEWS

### MOWTIVATORS UPDATE

*Gordon Rigg*  
GARDEN, HOME & LEISURE

The **Mowtivators** have been busy in the ecology garden this term, making fantastic progress!

We were thrilled to receive five fruit trees from Gordon Rigg Garden, Home & Leisure in Todmorden as part of their 80th birthday celebrations – thank you! The team laid down a protective membrane and planted the first three trees, which are now surrounded by bark chippings to help them thrive. We've also planted a brand new apple tree!

A big thank you to Mrs Smith for donating tomato plants, now happily growing in larger containers in our greenhouse. To keep them watered, we have installed a clever solar-powered irrigation system that recycles rainwater and waters the pots every 48 hours.

We have also harvested some impressive garlic bulbs and picked fresh peas, strawberries, and raspberries – a delicious reward for all the hard work! Well done to all our Mowtivators – your hard work is really paying off!



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## HOLLINGWORTH PE KIT



Starting in September, all new Year 7 students will be required to wear the **new Hollingworth PE kit**. The previous kit has now been discontinued and is no longer available from uniform suppliers. We ask that when current students need to replace their existing PE kit, they switch to the new design. The updated kit is modern, practical, and looks fantastic!

Our kit supplier, ICON Sports, has a store on Queensway in Rochdale, or you can order online. Items are available to purchase individually or as part of a discounted bundle.

Full PE kit details can be found on the academy website under the "uniform" tab: <https://tinyurl.com/yjm67uce>

Please follow the link to browse the ICON sports website: <https://iconsports.co.uk/my-club-zone/education/hollingworth-academy>



## ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our **athletics team** recently competed in the **Rochdale Schools' Athletics Championships**, held at the Manchester Regional Athletics Arena at Sport City. Around 60 students proudly represented the academy, going head-to-head with other schools from across Rochdale.

Every athlete delivered an outstanding performance, and we are incredibly proud to announce that the team brought home an impressive **29 individual medals** and **3 team relay medals**.

While every athlete gave their all, we'd like to give special recognition to our medalists on the day:

**GOLD:** Lola W (800m), Molly L (Discus), Dorian L (400m & Javelin), Ollie B (1500m), Holly W (Long Jump), Sophia M (Triple Jump), Jessina B (Javelin), Hannah K (Discus) & Amanda G (Discus).

**SILVER:** Keegan W (Shot Put), Remmy F (800m), Liam H (Discus), Lucy M (800m), Annabel H (1500m), Sammy I (1500m), Kylah H (Shot Put) Abbey B (Javelin) Zac S (400m), Finlay S (Javelin) & Year 7 Boys Relay Team.

**BRONZE:** Temide M (Triple Jump), Ollie B (Long Jump), Sam F (Triple Jump), Alice H (1500m), Arshi F (Shot Put), Joshua S (200m), Liam H (400m), Lukeny A (200m), Bernard M (400m), Lexi B (200m), Year 8 Boys Relay Team & Year 9 Girls Relay Team.

A huge congratulations to all involved for their hard work, determination, and exceptional team spirit!

*Follow us on social media to see more pictures of our athletics championships medalists!*



## U13 & U15 GIRLS FOOTBALL



### U13 Football Team

*Siena D, Sienna G, Esme W, Alice H, Emelia R, Sophia M, Cait W & Holly W.*  
(Image on left)

### U15 Football Team

*Annabel H, Jessica B, Clemence L, Daisy W, Sophia M, Elena D, Cait W & Lucie M*  
(Image on right)

The **U13** team made a strong start in their first tournament, winning three matches and drawing one. Their confident play and well-taken goals secured them a place in the top group for the second round. Despite the absence of their main striker due to injury, the team battled hard, drawing three matches and narrowly losing one. The games were closely contested, with several ending in goalless draws.

The **U15** team were outstanding across both rounds. On finals night, they played five matches, scoring eight goals and conceding just one. They won all five games to be crowned **Rochdale Champions**. Their teamwork, positioning and passing were exceptional. Impressively, the team is made up entirely of Key Stage 3 students, meaning they'll return next year to defend their title.

## GIRLS ROUNDERS

The **Year 7** team showed great dedication, quickly learning tactics and applying them effectively. Strong communication in the field led to key stumpings, while smart batting decisions helped retain half-rounders and avoid outs. They won six matches and narrowly lost one by half a rounder, scoring 40.5 and conceding 33 (+7.5). It was great to see several girls represent the school for the first time.

The **Year 8** team played brilliantly, winning six out of seven matches. They scored 30.5 rounders, conceded 22 (+8.5), with a strong bowler, backstop, and second base combination contributing to many stumpings. Their quick thinking also earned them vital half-rounders on backward hits.

**Year 9** had an excellent season, winning five of six fixtures. The final result came down to rounders difference, and their powerful batting often clearing deep fielders! They scored 44.5 and conceded just 15, finishing with an impressive +29.5. Their fielding was sharp, with great positioning and fast returns preventing scores.

The **Year 10** team were outstanding, going undefeated across both competition nights. Their tactical awareness and quick reactions limited opponents' scoring, while powerful, accurate hitting saw them score 58.5 and concede only 18.5 (+40). A truly exceptional performance!



**Year 7 Team:** P. Williamson, L. Hafeez, P. Sager, S. Diggle, I. Schofield, T. Makinde, E. Hurn, M-R. Dixon, H. Khan, L. Whittaker.



**Year 8 Team:** S. Greenhalgh, M. Taylor-Gardner, A. Hurst, A. Raja, S. Mendez, H. Wilde, A. Long, T. Garner, P. Clarkson, T. Nicholls, L. Harrison



**Year 10 Team:** Connie W, Yoma O, Ruby D, Kylah H, Daisy W, Lucie M, Jessica B, Lexi B & Elena D



**Year 9 Team:** Elena D, Lucie M, Jessica B, Clemence L, Daisy W, Annabel H, Lily D, Tahlia N & Alanna G



We are always proud to celebrate the achievements of our pupils beyond the classroom, and this term we are thrilled to add more outstanding names to our Wall of Fame.

**Isla S (7S2)** has shown remarkable dedication and progress over the past 18 months while representing **Aquabears Swimming Club**. Her commitment to training has paid off, earning her an impressive 55 medals to date. Most recently, Isla qualified for the **Lancashire County Championships** in both the 50m and 100m Backstroke events. A fantastic accomplishment, well done Isla!

Congratulations to **Ellie S (10O2)** for her incredible swimming achievements. She won a silver medal in the 200m Butterfly at this year's **Lancashire County Championships** and has qualified for two prestigious national events at Sheffield's Ponds Forge this July. Ellie is one of only 24 swimmers in Britain to qualify for the 200m Butterfly at the **Aquatics GB Next Generation Championships** and she will also compete in the 50m and 100m Butterfly at the **Swim England National Meet**. We wish Ellie the very best and hope she enjoys every moment of this exciting experience.

Congratulations to **William E (10S1)**, who is an extraordinarily talented trick rider with aspirations of becoming a professional stuntman. His hard work and passion were rewarded when he was crowned **The Knights of Middle England Trick Riding Champion 2025** during the Easter break in Warwick. Impressively, William was the youngest competitor, with all other riders aged 21 and over. We look forward to seeing him achieve his goal of joining the stunt register when he turns 18!

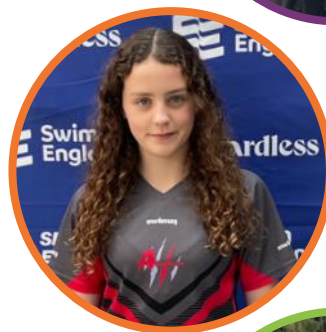
**Alesha D (8A2)** has achieved remarkable success in freestyle dance. She was placed 5th at the 2024 **Freestyle Dance World Championships** in Blackpool and recently reached the semi-finals at the 2025 Worlds. Alesha has trained with the Jason Steel School of Dance for the past seven years and her dedication is clearly paying off. We wish her all the best for her future competitions.

Congratulations to **Jessica H (7P2)** who qualified for the **Calling U Out UK Dance Championships**. She achieved 3rd place in Duets Lyrical, 4th place in Duet Floor Acrobatics, and 4th place in Individual Across the Floor. These are outstanding results, well done Jessica!

Isla S (7S2)



Ellie S (10O2)



William E (10S1)



Alesha D (8A2)



Jessica H (7P2)



## SPORTS AWARDS 2025

Another fantastic Sports Awards Evening! Over 90 pupils from all year groups came together to celebrate their commitment to extracurricular sport. After the trophy presentations, pupils and staff enjoyed a neon-themed silent disco!



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